

7/8/2009

Call to Order: 6:06

Roll Call: Districts Present – 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**

**District 5 – Motions**

**District 18 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes with changes.**

**District 5 – Motions**

**District 19 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Treasurer's Report:

\$32546.32 Checking and Savings Combined

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report**

**District 4 – Motions**

**District 5 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Changes/Clarification (Huntseat Section)

Joan passed out the stock seat changes and the suggested huntseat changes. District 19 questions the need for a list of applicable tests. Joanne explains this is a suggested list of appropriate tests. Other organizations have the same type of list. It also gives coaches and riders an idea of what could be asked.

District 18 asks the purpose of going over the sections. Joann explains if the board of directors goes over the rulebook section by section and approves of the changes at this level it will be better received at the rules meeting. There should be far less discussion. This also will help include changes for gaited horses, changes for patterns and tests, pattern cleanup, etc.

District 2 asks a question regarding trotting the jumping course. Joann believes as a judge the trotting of the course should be penalized.

Huntseat section was reviewed and changes were suggested. Joann requested any questions or issues regarding proposed changes be sent to her via email.

Saddleseat will be discussed in August.

B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP  
Tabled until August

C. Patch & Bars

Joel spoke with his supplier. They do not want to take on an order this size.

District 4 is under the impression all districts were to get patches and bars from MIHA.

District 5 has been getting their year bars from the same supplier for years. This company is the original one which created the patch. Mike Foote had setup the order for the last several years.

District 4 initiated talk of this because he wanted to receive his junior patches earlier.

It is stated all patches and year bars need to come from the MIHA chosen vendor.

Rules chair questions if the only underlying issue is receiving the patches and bars in time to hand them out at the June junior meets.

District 5 asks who the trophy person is and asks if the patches and bars should be handled by that person. Mike Yanz heads the trophy committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair explains the company we have is the best price we have found except for district 5's vendor. He also states he emailed and asked for approximate counts for patches and bars to order them earlier for the junior meets and received 5 or 6 responses.

Chair states we will have patches and bars at rider registration.

District 3 feels if we have them in June like this year it will be fine.

District 4 verifies we are to order patches and bars from the MIHA chosen vendor. Answer is yes.

D. Saddle Up Ad

The article draft is done and the picture is done. Any changes need to be sent to Joel by the date on his email. If there are any date changes to meets let Joel know. Added the web address to the article.

\*\*Pattie will email Joel the article.\*\*

New Business:

A. District 3 – Rider Participation After Incident the Previous Year

A rider caused non-permanent damage to another rider's horse and set hers free stating it was insured if it got hurt. The rider pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to community service. District 3 is hearing rumors the offending rider is planning to register with a different team this year. The question arises if there is any way to keep this rider from being accepted on any MIHA team this year.

District 4 sites information under purposes and goals in the rulebook

District 3 questions again if we can state the rider cannot register.

Chair states the executive board needs to meet on this issue.

District 3 adds the rider could not complete the last season due to a restraining order.

District 4 points out there is nothing in the rulebook about sanctioning a rider.

District 3 states the courts will release information if the rider does attempts to register.

District 4 reminds MIHA has not sanctioned the rider in any way.

District 6 asks if the new team is recognized by the school as a varsity sport. If so they may be able to help.

District 3 has a written rider agreement and hands it out for input on its content.

District 4 states MIHA does not belong to the school. The coach approaches the school and the AD has to send MIHA a letter for membership.

District 19 reminds the school does have a stance if the team is considered a varsity sport.

District 4 reminds that MIHA doesn't condone such behavior.

District 19 feels it makes sense to prevent the offending rider from participating if the school is fighting it.

District 3 adds the school does not have any input and questions if MIHA has any rules in place to prevent the rider from joining.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair asks where the incident occurred. If it did not occur during a meet it will be questioned.

District 18 points out Article 3 under goals in the rulebook.

Chair states the executive board will meet regarding the issue.

District 5 believes until the rider signs up they are not considered MIHA  
MIHA has no authority until the rider registers.

Chair wants to table the issue until the next meeting.

District 3 states the meet is August 30<sup>th</sup> and registration is July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chair states the executive board will meet prior to registration.

**B. Proposed Home School Team – Unified Home School**

The home school students of Unified Home School Curriculum want to form a team.

District 19 asks what is listed on their diploma.

Rules chair has been in contact with the person requesting.

Rules chair has read the rulebook regarding private school and schools of choice.

District 4 reminds what is in the 2008 rulebook is wrong and the 2007 book should be reviewed.

Rules chair reads the initial request.

District 6 states the D division was formed for this purpose.

District 7 asks if it is the understanding that they are a member of the home school umbrella. Wouldn't that also be under the private school rule?

District 18 shows on page 14 of the rulebook the rider may ride for the school corresponding to writer of the diploma.

District 19 inquires where the rider's tax bill comes from.

District 4 believes in the 2007 rulebook it states geographical location.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair cannot find that mentioned in the rulebook.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair asks if the kids are enrolled in any school. If so they have to ride with that team.

Rules Chair reviews the rulebook and finds it states the rider will ride with the school from which they receive the diploma.

Chair states this will have to be clarified.

District 4 believes it should be handled at this moment.

Executive board will meet to review the issue.

### C. Coaches Registration

District 4 asks if coaches have to register every year and why do we have to do all the paperwork every year.

Chair states the yearly paperwork is for the CSC checks.

District 4 inquires if only the new or changing coaches need the paperwork. Existing coaches should have one form signed stating the CSC check can be done automatically each year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair suggests a list of current coaches be sent each year to the DC and this list verified and returned to have the CSC's done. Any new coach will require the full paperwork.

District 5 sites the rulebook which states each year the forms will be filled out.

District 4 asks if a rule change would be beneficial for this.

**\*\*Tabled pending changes\*\***

### Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Registration Committee – MIHA chair would like chairs from last year to send standings from last year.

**\*\*Mike will check for standings but believes he only has the winners.\*\***

Membership – District 4 coaches form handed in.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Joann and Mike are working on retaining the services for state meet.

Trophy Committee – Still don't have all the trophies back.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns: Dennis has patterns available.

District Reports:

1. Not Present.
2. Not Present.
3. All good.
4. All good.
5. All good.
6. All good
7. All good
8. Not Present
9. All good.
10. No Report
11. Not Present.
12. Not Present.
13. All good
14. Not Present.
15. All good.
16. Not Present.
17. Not Present.
18. All good.
19. All good.
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Discussed in New Business

Call to the Public:

District 4 states US DOT dropped gross vehicle weight from 16,000 to 10,000 for commercial vehicles. Any reasonable expectation to earn money makes it a commercial vehicle.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 18 – Motions**  
**District 5 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 8:00pm

**Motions:**

Agenda

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Treasurer’s Report

District 4 – Motions  
District 5 – Seconds  
Passed

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Tasks:

**\*\*Joan will get the sections drawn up and sent to the BOD with suggested modifications and clarifications. It will then be discussed at the upcoming meeting. The saddleseat section is set for the August meeting.\*\***

**\*\*Dennis will incorporate something for selecting a new coach.\*\***

**\*\*Amy, District 11, will clean up the current suggested SOP and resubmit.\*\***

**\*\*Mike will check for standings but believes he only has the winners.\*\***



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